tinued dumping of garbage and filth opposite the plot of American Embassy office in South Extension Part-I, New Delhi,

(b) whether it is also a fact that this garbage is being dumped at the instance of some of the officers of Municipal Corporation of Delhi,

(c) if so, what action has been taken or propose to be taken by Government to stop immediately this nuisance, and

(d) what action has been taken against the erring official of MCD at whose behalf garbage is being dumped in the resi-

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) (a) to (c) The dumping site near N-11 and 13, South Extension Part I has been existing since 1975 The garbage in the area is collected at this site

Representations for shifting of garbage site have been received but no other suitable site for this purpose is yet available in the locality.

(d) Does not arise

Urdu teleprinter service

2233 DR MOHD HASHIM KIDWAI Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether here is any teleprinter service in Urdu in the country, and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to introduce such service, if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) No, Sir

There is no teleprinter service in Urdu in the country However telegrams in Urdu language written in Devnagari and Roman scripts are accepted for transmission and delivery

(b) There is no such proposal for introduction of teleprinter service in Urdu.

Persons arrested for espionage activities

2234 DR. MOHD HASHIM KIDWAI Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be please to state

(a) the number of persons arrested for espionage activities during the last two years,

(b) the number of Government servants among the arrested persons,

(c) the number of journalists and political workers among the arrested persons; and

(d) how many of these have been convicted and how many of these are still facing trials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Opening of rural banks

2235 SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V ARUNACHALAM Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state

(a) whether he had recently addressed a letter to the Finance Minister suggesting him to open rural banks, and

(b) if so, what is the response of the Minister of Finance to the suggestion?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A B A GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Regional Rural Banks have already been set up to operate primarily in rural areas and they lend to lower income groups Measures to further strengthen the existing institutions and programmes for weaker sections are receiving continuous attention of the Government